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Dear members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

Docket Number: E-01345A-16-0036 + E-01345A-16-0123

As long time solar panel owners on two properties, we are writing to urge you to say no to the proposed APS rate hike.

As an APS customer, the need for APS to invest in costly generation, transmission and distribution is reduced when we reduce our electricity use. We put energy on the grid, and they sell it for more than they pay us for it--that should decrease its need, not increase it. And most egregiously, if APS increases its monthly fixed fee, consumers who work hard to conserve energy (we did and do more than just install solar) and be more energy efficient can't do anything to reduce that fee. That isn't fair--and they could address the problem they cite creatively and fairly without the tired old rate increase plea. Please oppose any increase to the basic service charge.

Please also vote no on mandatory residential demand charges. We appreciate that the Commission did not approve these charges in its recent decisions on the UNS Electric and TEP rate cases. Please continue that trend. Charging consumers for the maximum amount of demand used in only one hour of the month is likely to increase what consumers pay each month and decrease incentives to reduce energy use. It's also patently unfair.

Please say no to unfair utility charges.

Sincerely,

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